

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 - 14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (new): A carrying case comprising:

a body of surrounding material having at least two components for opening and closure together thereby to provide access to a space defined by the surrounding material, each component has an edge for location adjacent a respective edge of the opposite component;

a liner fitting in the space in the surrounding material, the liner having an edge for location between the component edges thereby to permit a sealing engagement to be effected when the components are closed and the component edges contact the liner on opposite sides;

means to secure the two components together in a closed relationship;

a latch for location between the two components, the latch being mounted on the side opposite a hinge between the two components; the latch including an elongated face component, the face component extending in front of the case, and the latch face; and

an interlocking element on the latch component, and cooperating lock element on the second component.

Claim 16 (new): A carrying case comprising:

a body of surrounding material having at least two components for opening and closure together thereby to provide access to a space defined by the surrounding material, each component has an edge for location adjacent a respective edge of the opposite component;

a single liner fitting in the space in the surrounding material, the single liner having an edge for location between the component edges thereby to permit a sealing engagement to be effected when the components are closed and the component edges contact the single liner on opposite sides;

means to secure the two components together in a closed relationship;

a latch for location between the two components, the latch being mounted on the side opposite a hinge between the two components; the latch including an elongated face component, the face component extending for about half the length of the front of the case, and the latch face

shaped such that it has two lips extending outward on either side to allow a finger of a user to lift the latch;

a pair of interlocking elements on the latch component, the interlocking elements being spaced towards the end of the face component, and a pair of cooperating lock elements on the second component; and

wherein the liner material is shaped to conform substantially to the inside of one of the components and the liner having an opening to facilitate purging from the container.

Claim 17 (new): A case as claimed in claim 16 wherein the liner includes a side wall for extending substantially with a side wall of at least one component and a lateral extension from the side wall, the lateral extension being directed towards the edge of at least one component, and wherein, when the components are closed, the lateral extension or a further extension of the lateral extension is located between the respective edges thereby to form a seal for the case.

Claim 18 (new): A protective case comprising:

a body of surrounding material having at least two mating components for opening and closure thereby to provide access to a space defined by the surrounding material, each component having a respective edge for location adjacent an edge of the opposite component;

a hinge located along a first side of the two components to permit opening and closure;

a latch for securing the two components in a closed position, the latch being fastened to a first component on the side opposite the hinge and extending in the front of the case, the latch including a face and a locking member, the locking member being for releasably engaging a second component; and

a liner including a side wall for extending substantially with a side wall of a first of said components and a lateral extension from the side wall, the lateral extension being directed towards the edge of the first component, and wherein when the first and the second components are closed, the lateral extension or a further extension of the lateral extension is located between the respective edges of the first and second components thereby to form a seal for the case, and wherein a liner edge includes two legs which are spaced apart so that there is a space between the

legs and being such that when a lip on the edge of the second component presses against lateral edge the space between the legs becomes smaller.

Claim 19 (new): A carrying case as claimed in claim 15 wherein both components are made of translucent or at least partially translucent material, and wherein the liner is opaque.

Claim 20 (new): A carrying case as claimed in claim 18 wherein both components are made of translucent or at least partially translucent material, and wherein the liner is opaque.

Claim 21 (new): A carrying case as claimed in claim 15 wherein the liner includes an opening to facilitate purging.

Claim 22 (new): A carrying case as claimed in claim 18 including a liner having an opening to facilitate purging.

Claim 23 (new): A carrying case as claimed in claim 15 wherein both components are made of translucent or at least partially translucent material, and wherein the liner is opaque.

Claim 24 (new): A carrying case as claimed in claim 18 wherein both components are made of translucent or at least partially translucent material, and wherein the liner is opaque.

Claim 25 (new): A case as claimed in claim 18 wherein the liner is a single liner fitting in the space in the surrounding material.

Claim 26 (new): A case as claimed in claim 18 wherein the latch includes an elongated face component, the face component extending in front of the case and an interlocking element on the latch component, and a cooperating lock element on the second component.

Claim 27 (new): A case as claimed in claim 24 the face component extending for about half the length of the front of the case, and the latch face shaped such that it has two lips extending outward on either side to allow a finger of a user to lift the latch; and a pair of interlocking elements on the latch component, the interlocking elements being spaced towards the end of the face component, and a pair of cooperating lock elements on the second component.